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CHARLESTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER

Columbia, South Carolina ---- United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated today that Harold E. Jackson, age 51, of Charleston, pled guilty today in federal court in Charleston, to Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2250(a). Senior United States District Judge C. Weston Houck of Charleston accepted the plea and will impose sentence after he has reviewed the presentence report which will be prepared by the U.S. Probation Office.

Evidence presented at the change of plea hearing established that Jackson was sentenced in New York in 2003 following his conviction for Sexual Abuse-1st Degree, which involved a minor victim. As a result of his conviction, he was

required to register as a sex offender and keep the registration current in any jurisdiction where he lived, worked, or attended school. Prior to being released from prison, Jackson registered as a sex offender in the State of New York and informed state officials where he would be living in New York upon his release. On July 15, 2011, Jackson was released from prison in New York and shortly thereafter moved to South Carolina without notifying New York officials that he was moving. Jackson also failed to register as a sex offender in South Carolina.

Mr. Nettles stated the maximum penalty Jackson can receive is a fine of \$250,000.00 and/or imprisonment for 10 years, plus a special assessment of \$100.00.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Marshals Service. Assistant United States Attorney Dean H. Secor of the Charleston office handled the case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

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